



EAST MINNEHAHA & ROADS END NEIGHBORHOODS

Happenings



Next Neighborhood Meeting

21 May, 7:00-9:00 pm
Walnut Grove Church
6004 NE 72nd Avenue
Across from Walnut Grove School



AGENDA

7:00	Welcome	Lynda Maguire
7:05	Budget overview & Intro of Speakers	Bob Butler
7:10	EYEWarn – CC Amateur Radio Club	John Gaynor
7:25	Code Enforcement.....	Kevin Pridemore
7:50	Mediation Services	Victoria Clevenger
8:10	Fire Marshall.....	Jon Dunaway
8:25	Sheriff's Department.....	Deputy Paul Uminski
8:40	Neighborhood Residents' Comments/Questions	
8:55	Closing Remarks	Lynda Maguire

March Meeting Update

For those of you who were not able to attend the East Minnehaha & Roads End Neighborhood Associations meeting, (and we apologize to those who were locked out (*sorry*) after the school janitor apparently locked the exterior door) We will be using a Walnut Grove Church facility in the future which we hope will be more "attendance friendly."

We had a great meeting. Monica Tuberville, a planner with the City of Vancouver – Parks and Recreation Department, gave an update on Shaffer Park which was recently acquired from Clark County (See Pg 3). Scot Brantley from the CC Public Works described the new 58th Street sidewalk plan (See Pg 5 for map) and answered questions about other neighborhood parks.

Our new elected Sheriff Chuck Atkins appeared along with the new Outreach Sergeant Alex Schoening. Both men spoke and answered many questions. Sheriff Atkins shared his vision for the Sheriff's Office. (one not-so-secret secret he shared is we should be seeing a new logo appearing on Sheriff Department vehicles sometime this year. They are currently in the midst of the design selection process. See Pg 6 for final selection)

Sergeant Schoening who spent nine years investigating traffic collisions for the Sheriff's Office and has a passion/focus on child and adult occupant safety, as well as DUI/Drugged Driving enforcement/driving safety told us the speed trailer appeared in our neighborhood again this week, at our request, and should be in various spots through the week.

We had elections and LYNDAMAGUIRE is our new president, BOB BUTLER our new treasurer and as Megan Hill has resigned SUE LINTZ took over as vice pres.

Clark County Code Enforcement

The mission of the code Enforcement program is to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. They administer a fair and unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of county codes and land use requirements. It is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of the county – through enforcement of the county's zoning, nuisance, and building codes. If you have questions bring them to this May meeting. They will provide a general overview of nuisance laws.

Community Mediation Services

There are many neighbor-to-neighbor issues that are not necessarily code violations. There are many circumstances where Code Enforcement does not have the authority to resolve the problem. In these cases, mediation is one way to solve a dispute. CMS provides an informal, private way to improve communications and resolve disagreements. Mediation is successful in over 85 percent of cases. Learn more about this service at the May Meeting.

Family Activity - Dozer Days

May 16-17: Clark County Fairgrounds

Dozer Day provides kids the opportunity to hop in the driver's seat and actually drive big yellow dozers, dump trucks, and other heavy equipment with a professional operator at their side. Not only is Dozer Day fun for the entire family, it is also a fundraiser benefiting children's charities through the Nutter Foundation.

Did You Know??

By this summer, the Port of Vancouver will complete a park trail for use by pedestrians of all types (walkers, strollers, runners, etc.), bicyclists, and others – stretching from the intersection at St. Francis Lane, Fourth Plain Boulevard and Mill Plain Road to just past the port's administrative offices on Lower River Road. They hope eventually to connect this section of the trail to an existing section near Farwest Steel and eventually all the way to Frenchman's Bar.



Thought: **ONE KIND WORD CAN CHANGE THE WORLD**

Need Something To Do - Check Out These Websites

Farmers Market – Open Now Through November 1st

<http://www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com>

Other Sites Worth Checking Out

Vancouver: <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar>

Clark County Live! community@clarkcountylive.com



Did You Know?? (NFPA.org)



In 2011, almost 18,000 fires were caused by fireworks.



Sparklers cause 16% of fireworks injuries

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269
www.nfpa.org/education

Thomas Wetlands East Facility

Questions were raised during the last Neighborhood Meeting about the pedestrian path. Scott Fakler, a project manager with CC Public Works, shares the following information about the path: "The wood chip trail was constructed where ONLY pedestrians will be and the remainder of the loop is a mixed use path (areas used by both heavy duty maintenance vehicles and pedestrians). It is critical to this facility that maintenance vehicles have access to the inflow and outflow locations.

The grassy mixed use path consists of a layer of top soil sitting on a honeycomb type material that is filled with topsoil / base course rock blend. (Hopefully, in the next growing season, the grass will become well established.) Once established, this grass can easily withstand the "abuse" of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

"Although Thomas Wetland East is a storm water facility and not a park, it provides a good opportunity for the citizens to walk around the facility, read informational signs (to be installed) and learn/ see how a storm water facility works."

Did You Know??

Jed Kolko, Chief Economist for Trulia, reports that home ownership for those ages 18-34 has fallen to about 13.2 percent, a new low in many metropolitan areas like Northern Virginia. The philosophy seems to be, if you've got to start out saddled by student debt, why not at least enjoy a little luxury (and a lot of options)?"

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<http://www.co.clark.wa.us/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html> <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html>

Our Community Salutes

Our Community Salutes (OCS) is a national, non-profit organization created to recognize and honor graduating high school students (and their parents) who plan to enlist in the armed services after graduation

On 16 April, from high schools throughout Clark County, about 100 young men and women who plan to enlist in the US Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines were honored at the Vancouver Armed Forces Reserve Center. CONGRATULATIONS!

Pictures: www.facebook.com/hwourcommunitysalutes

What To Expect... When You Dial 9-1-1

Calling 9-1-1 is serious business. Call 9-1-1 to receive help for emergencies, potential emergencies, or if you are not sure if it's an emergency. [What happens when you call for help? What should you say? What does the person on the other line need to know? What if you forget something?]

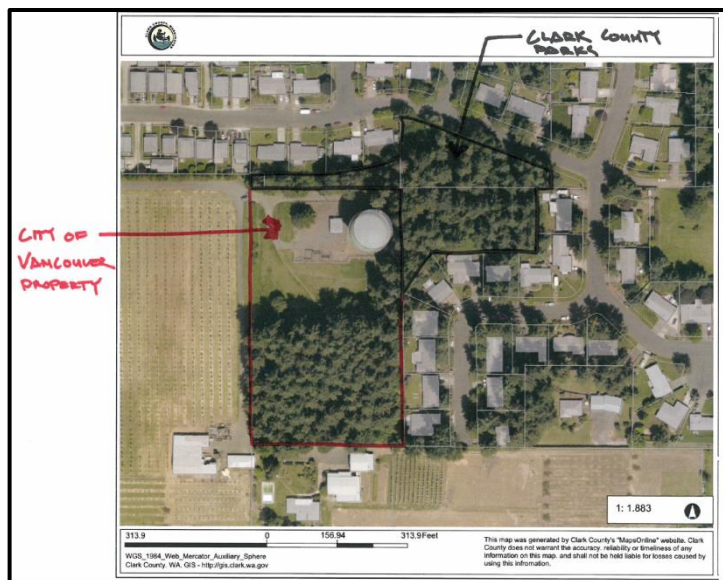
Dispatchers are trained to pull and assess information from a caller. They will guide you with questions. They know what information they need to get first in order to ensure the right type of help arrives in a timely manner, and the best way to get the assistance you need is to answer the questions in the order they ask them.

Here's a quick guide:

- Inform dispatchers if you speak another language or dialect. At push of a button, we can connect to a translator. CRESA has translated 9-1-1 calls in more than 170 languages.
- Let the dispatcher know what is happening. Is there a crime in progress? Is there a fire? Does someone need medical help? This information lets our dispatchers know what type of help you need.
- Inform dispatchers where the situation is occurring. Provide an exact address if you know it and don't forget the floor and apartment number if you are in a building. Unsure of where you are? A nearby intersection or landmark will help.
- Inform dispatchers when incident occurred? It is important to know if this is an active situation so our dispatchers can prepare the first responders know what to expect.
- Inform dispatchers who is involved. We want to know if it a family member, someone you know, or a stranger. It also helps to know if there are multiple people involved and who they are.
- Inform dispatchers if a weapon was used. Telling a dispatcher about weapons helps keep the public and first responders safe.
- Inform dispatchers if anyone is injured. If someone is hurt, dispatchers will ask you a series of questions to determine what type of care is needed. The dispatchers are also trained to provide medical instruction until a medic arrives



Tower Crest Park



Schaeffer Park

Monica Tuberville shared the park was purchased initially by both Clark County and the City of Vancouver. Last year the City purchased the County's share of the park. Development of the park is scheduled sometime after 2016.

Clark County Parks Plan Status

Clark County is working with the Parks Advisory Board to update a long-range plan that will guide the purchase of land for parks and the development of parks, trails, sports fields and other amenities. This is the beginning stages of updating the plan that reflects community priorities and establishes long-term goals and priorities for land acquisition, facility development and parks management.

The Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan was last revised in 2007, when the county operated a consolidated parks department with the city of Vancouver.

More Info: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/parks/plan.html>



Construction Planned to Begin in 2016

Tower Crest Park was designed and approved several years ago, but construction was delayed because of the economic downturn. Now CC Parks Department is working on getting all of the permits and approvals needed to begin construction of this park in 2016.

More Info see: <http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/towercrest.htm>

Did You Know???

Following a national trend, Clark County's population of 60+ is growing and projected to almost double by 2030. The then-Board of County Commissioners appointed the aging commission to help the county and local cities implement an Aging Readiness Plan. It has 91 strategies about housing, transportation, recreation, lifestyle choices, support services and civic and social engagement.

Recycling Done Right

The goal of the outreach effort is to reduce contaminants in the recycling cart at single-family homes and ultimately the recycling stream. Every type of plastic bag and plastic wrap clogs machinery at the local recycling facility, causing shut-downs and posing a danger to workers who must manually remove it. Glass fragments degrade materials that go into making recycled products.

Glass must be placed in a separate container at the curb. Plastic bags and plastic wrap may be taken to local grocery stores that accept bags for recycling. They are not accepted in the curbside collection program.

Recycling items are commodities sold at market prices, bringing money back to local jurisdictions for regional solid waste programs.

The Recycling Done Right outreach is supported by a partnership among Battle Ground, Camas, Clark County, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, Waste Connections and Yacolt.

Here's how it will work:

- Employees wearing safety vests and county identification and driving vehicles marked with Clark County's logo will stop at about 20,000 curbside recycling carts at single-family homes once in the next four weeks. They will not dig through a cart's contents, but might lift items on top for a better view. They will leave educational materials on the cart, reminding residents to separate glass and plastic bags and wrapping.
- Residents will not be penalized if inappropriate items are found, but rather encouraged to go online to learn more about recycling and a chance to win prizes.

- Single-family home residents on selected routes will receive an automated phone call shortly before workers visit the neighborhoods, which were selected as a representative county sample.

To measure the effectiveness of the outreach effort, workers at the recycling center will compare the amounts and types of materials from the curbside recycling program before the outreach with what is collected after the outreach effort.

This is the first phase of what could be a multiyear effort to remove plastic bags, glass and other contaminants from the waste stream. Eventually, the partnership hopes to reach all 111,000 single-family homes in Clark County that use blue recycling carts.

Recycling Done Right hopes to duplicate results of the 2012 pilot program. In it, workers visited selected recycling carts twice, leaving recycling information the first time. Results of the program found that:

- 83 percent of carts that contained plastic bags on the first visit did not contain them on the second visit.
- 96 percent of carts that contained glass bottles on the first visit did not contain them on the second visit.
- 78 percent of carts that contained other various contaminants were contaminant-free the second time.

For more information about Recycling Done Right, please contact Clark County Environmental Services at (360) 397-2121 ext. 4352.



Suspicious Activity

First, we encourage any neighbors witnessing illegal or suspicious activity to contact 911. The 911 system in Clark County is not reserved only for emergencies, but is to be used if police assistance is needed. Circumstances such as suspicious/occupied vehicles not common to the neighborhood, persons going through a neighbor's recycling, drug or similar activity, are not always considered to be emergencies, but would still qualify for a 911 call.

In particular to the theft of recycling, if the materials being stolen are on private property (for example, next to someone's garage) and are not on the curb, the listed victim would be the homeowner. Additionally, if the subject taking the materials enters someone's property without permission, that is considered trespassing and the subject may be arrested, cited, or trespassed depending on the circumstances.

If the materials being stolen are out at the street for pickup, the listed victim is the garbage service (in Clark County, it's Waste Connections) because the theft is of material or services that would otherwise be of benefit to the garbage service. If neighbors witness the theft and wish to have a deputy respond, 911 is the best course of action. Since the suspects come and go fairly quickly, please provide as much of a physical description as possible (gender, hair color, height, build, clothing, etc. If in a vehicle, the model, make, and license number are very helpful). Finally, if homeowners choose to contact 911, please have them advise the operator if they would like the deputy to contact them, or to just drive through the area.

Some helpful hints to help keep from being a victim: 1) Do not put items containing personal information (name, Social Security number, date of birth, etc) into the recycling without first shredding into confetti-sized pieces. I know this may not be possible for some, but I burn my personal information in the fireplace. While theft of recycling can be a nuisance, being a victim of Identity Theft is potentially much more catastrophic! 2) If able, put your recycling/garbage out the morning of pickup, rather than the night before. A large percentage of thefts occur at night as many homeowners put their trash out the night before, making for easy pickings.

Alex Schoening, Sergeant
Community Outreach Unit
Clark County Sheriff's Office
360.397.2104

State of the County Address

The following are a couple of "snippets from comments made by our County Councilors. Read their entire remarks at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/thegrid/> - Listed under 12 March 2015

Councilor David Madore said: "In a word, our county is healthy, very healthy. But more important than that, the economy of our community is healthy and growing more healthy. Our goal is to work together and build an outstanding community, one where individuals, families, and businesses can prosper and thrive. We are Clark County and we have our own identity. We are committed to champion our own identity and develop our own economic engine as a self-sufficient community. We are committed to being good neighbors to Portland, but our future is not as a bedroom community for Portland." Clark County is now leading the job growth race with a shiny new Ferrari and we're several laps ahead and we're gaining speed. We've got a new business friendly identity as the place to launch and grow local jobs. Those local jobs are boosting our quality of life and creating new wealth for our community and new revenue for our county services.

Councilor Jeanne Stewart: Thank you, Sheriff Atkins. I have been at the county for just a few months, but I've already been impressed by you and your staff. As I just mentioned, I am the new board member. The job is interesting, demanding and, in all honesty, difficult. It is not a part-time job. I bring experience in both the public and private sectors, but it's my experience at the neighborhood level that really shaped who I am as an elected official and how I approach my position. Today, I am a longtime county councilor representing the entire county, but my perspective remains shaped by my personal experience on one street in one tight-knit neighborhood where we owned a business and raised our son. My experience has taught me that government needs to function on behalf of the people it serves. Government needs to provide what individual citizens cannot do on their own. That includes public safety, which always has been and always will be an overriding consideration. Citizens need to feel safe. They need to feel safe before any other goals can be accomplished.

Councilor Tom Mielke: The Vietnam War wasn't a popular war, but no war is. The men and women who served there didn't deserve to be vilified when they returned home. It took a long time to thank those who served then. We don't want to make the same mistake again! I think we can all agree about honoring men and women who have served this country in wars of the past. Now we have our heroes returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. They have done an outstanding job under tremendously difficult circumstances. They deserve our thanks and gratitude. Veterans are returning home to Clark County and thousands of other communities across this great nation. We have veterans walk in by the dozens every day. I am surprised that some still have not heard about the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. The center assists veterans and their families in obtaining benefits, services and resources to meet basic needs and support their return to civilian life. The county's Veterans Assistance Fund helps provide emergency assistance to qualified veterans for rent, utilities, clothing and prescriptions

Recycling Done Right!

Plastic bags, plastic wrap, and glass are a problem when put in the blue recycling cart and we need your help. Because you put a lot of effort in recycling, we want to help you do it right!

Every type of plastic bag and plastic wrap (for example, the plastic wrap from paper towels or shrink wrap from other products) clogs machinery at the local recycling facility, causing unnecessary down time and a safety risk to the workers who remove it by hand. Glass fragments in the blue cart degrade paper and other materials that go into making recycled items. Please place glass in a separate container at the curb. Plastic bags and plastic wrap may be taken to local grocery stores that accept bags for recycling, but are not accepted in the curbside collection program.

To learn more about Recycling Done Right and a chance to win prizes see Info <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/recycle/recyclingA-Z.html>

Residents established the East Minnehaha and Roads End Neighborhoods to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the area. The association is involved with a variety of matters, which affect the livability of the neighborhood and community in general. All residents within the neighborhood association boundaries are welcome to attend and participate in the association. Any questions, please contact one of the officers or board members listed on this page. The EMNA and RENA do not subscribe to any religious affiliation or political party. Mission: work together for the common good of the neighborhood in which we all live.

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Being A Good Neighbor

Larry Smith shared this good neighbor story. No idle hands here

His daughter Laurie says, growing up in the 30s and 40s, East Minnehaha resident Jack Burpee remembers the need to fully use up the precious resources a family had. Clothing was passed down to siblings, then used as rags, and finally cut into strips and woven to create rugs to warm feet at cold bedsides.

After retiring Jack needed an activity to keep him busy during the rainy season when he was not out in his garden, and he remembered the braided rag rugs his mother had made when he was a child. With the help of his wife Eva, he went through closets and rag bags to find fabrics to use. His family and friends were delighted with his creations, and asked for more. Jack had found his hobby.

It gives Jack great pleasure to create rugs, especially now that age has caused him to slow many other activities down. He donates rugs to his Relay for Life team to benefit the American Cancer Society, as well as gifting them to friends and family. These special "Jack Rugs" are treasured by the recipients.

These days, Jack buys fleece for his rugs, finding that it is much easier to cut into strips, and to match the thickness of fabrics for even braids. He watches for great sales at local fabric shops, and tries hard not to consider the cost of making his rugs. "If I think about what it costs to make a rug, and what I should be charging, then it would start to feel like a job. I don't want a job, I just want to enjoy making my rugs and make others happy giving them away" he says. They do indeed make others happy.

Please send Bob, Sue or Lynda a note describing in one or two paragraphs what makes YOU a good neighbor **OR** what makes someone you know a good neighbor for use in the next newsletter. (Here's hoping so many are received we can't include them all at one time!)

Universal Green Design

"Universal Green Design is a long-term approach to building and remodeling that combines environmentally sustainable elements of green building with the flexibility of universal design. Universal design uses simple, proven ideas to make any home more comfortable for a wide range of people:

- Families with young children
- People who want to stay in their homes as they grow older
- People who are taller or shorter than average
- People who use wheelchairs or walkers

"Appropriate home design helps people enjoy the full use of their home, host guests with varying abilities, and maintain their independence. Well-designed homes are one component of a strategy to enable residents to have the opportunity to "age-in-place".

"Clark County, Wash., like everywhere in the country, is anticipating a huge surge in the number of residents 60 or better. Today, one in six residents is 60 or older, and the number will increase to one in four by 2030.



"Affordable and adaptable housing is essential for people to be able to age-in-place. We hope this idea book provides information and inspiration for those looking to remodel their existing homes or for those planning on building a new home with the forethought to insure they can live in it as long as they choose."

More Info on this pamphlet created by Clark County Commission on Aging:
http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/aging/documents/UDG-Idea_Book_Final_Small.pdf

10 Things YOU can do to Avoid Fraud*

While con artists can be clever, many can be foiled by knowledgeable – and equally canny—consumers. Here are 10 things you can do to stop a scam.

1. Keep in mind that wiring money is like sending cash: once it's gone, you can't get it back. (Con artists often insist you wire "cash.")
2. Don't send money to someone you don't know.
3. Don't respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial information, whether the message comes as an email, a phone call, a text message, or an ad. (Don't click on links in the message!!)
4. Don't play a foreign lottery.
5. Don't agree to deposit a check from someone you don't know and then wire money back, no matter how convincing the story.
6. Read your bills and monthly statements regularly – on paper and online. (Scammers steal account information and then run up charges or commit crimes in your name.)
7. In the wake of a natural disaster or another crisis, give to established charities rather than one that seems to have sprung up overnight. (Check out ftc.gov/charityfraud to learn more.)
8. Talk to your doctor before buying health products or signing up for medical treatments.
9. Remember there's no such thing as a sure thing. (ignore someone promoting low-risk, high return investments.)
10. Know where an offer comes from and who you're dealing with. (Find a seller's physical address and phone number)

BONUS: Visit OnGuardOnline.gov to learn how to avoid internet fraud, secure your computer and protect your personal information

*Federal Trade Commission

New Sheriff Logo



According to the Columbian (16 April 2015, C1) "[Sheriff] Atkins even put the design of the logos in the hands of the deputies, tasking them with designing four logo options and then having them vote on their top pick. His administration adopted the logo with one minor change; adding an American flag to the back panel of the cars."

Recycle Day

Recycling Day Event in 2015. This day will give Clark County, Washington, residents an opportunity to manage a variety of special wastes* through reuse, recycling or safe disposal.

Hazel Dell - Saturday, May 30 9am - 1pm
 Columbia River High School parking lot, 800 NW 99th St.

For materials accepted see

<http://www.clarkgreenneighbors.org/recyclingday.html>

Our Neighbors—A Big Thanks

Look for our super, **new** meeting announcement signs. **Signs & More** (4401 NE St. Johns Road) - who provided our new signs at a price that fit into the EMNA budget.

A great place to keep our **new** signs safe and dry - East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association is grateful for the storage space donated by Jayne & Josh the managers of **Minnehaha Additional Self Storage at 4901 NE Minnehaha**

Due to the generosity of Pastor Michael Baca of **Walnut Grove Community Church** the space we use for our May meeting in has been provided at no cost

CC Sheriff's Office Central Precinct

Deputies from the Central Precinct are still looking out for us, even though the Central Precinct facility is being closed to the public. You may have seen this announcement:

Effective April 6th, 2015, the Clark County Sheriff's Office Central Precinct will be closed to public access.

Central Precinct, located at 11608 NE 149th Street in Brush Prairie, opened in 1995 and was intended to be a temporary location for deputies while a new precinct was built. Funding was never approved for the new location, which has since become the permanent home for about 40 deputies and one support staff. The forty-one year old building was originally constructed as a manufacturing facility, and Central Precinct occupies what used to be the office portion of that business.

Even with some cosmetic upgrades over its history, the precinct does not have a community room, waiting area, or even a public restroom. The stairwell to the second story does not meet fire codes, and the upstairs briefing room only allows for nine occupants at any one time.

While deputies will continue to meet at the precinct, the facilities are not adequate to meet the needs of the growing population that live in the area of Clark County east of Northeast 50th Avenue.

"It's important for our citizens to understand that we are not closing Central Precinct," said Undersheriff Mike Cooke. "Our deputies will continue to be based at and respond out of the Central Precinct. The facility is simply not adequate for public access."

Patrol staffing will remain unchanged, and Sheriff Atkins remains committed to providing the same level of service as before the closure. In addition, the Sheriff's Office provides the ability for citizens to use online reporting for minor offenses and the public is always encouraged to call 911 if a deputy response is needed. CCSO West Precinct, at 505 NW 179th Street, will continue to be open to walk-ins and by phone during regular business hours.

Pet Licensing

Clark County Animal Control now has an online pet licensing which makes it so much easier for citizens to license their dogs and cats. All dogs and cats are required to be licensed, so having access to online licensing removes that barrier of not know where to obtain them.



DID YOU KNOW Animals In Clark County

Paul Scarpelli, Code Enforcement - Manager

CAN SOMEONE HAVE COWS IN HAZEL DELL? -- Yes, cows are allowed.

HOW MANY DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT A RESIDENCE?

Three dogs inside city limits of Vancouver, 5 in the urban growth boundary, 9 outside urban growth boundary. Special permitting is required for more than 10 animals, as you are now deemed a kennel.

WHAT DETERMINES THE REGULATION? PROPERTY SIZE?

TYPE OF ANIMAL? -- Property size does not matter.

IS THERE A CODE I CAN REFER TO? -- Title 8 carries the majority of Clark County animal-related codes. Title 40.100.070 Definitions, is where one finds the limitation on the number of dogs in the county as defined by either Commercial or Private Kennels.



DID YOU KNOW

The Two Locations for the Sheriff's Office??

The Clark County Sheriff's Office has two locations open to the public:

CCSO Headquarters/Main Jail

707 W. 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
360-397-2211

CCSO West Precinct

505 NW 179th Street
Ridgefield, WA 98642
360-397-6079

The Island and the Hole

Earthquakes, floods, disease outbreaks, power outages, bridge collapse cyber-attacks, wildfires, storms, sinkholes, landslides, hazardous materials, terrorism, zombies, oh my! There's a lot to think about in your personal preparedness. We'd like to suggest a much simpler way to think about disaster planning: Imagine that the place that you live in is suddenly in one of two situations.

Scenario 1: The Island

Imagine that suddenly and without warning your home becomes an island. You are completely isolated from every link to the outside world. That means no power, no phone, no 911, no cable, no internet, no water service, no sewer (AKA, no flushing), no gas, no roads, and no services. And no boats! That's cheating. Now, how would you get prepared for this? How would you ride it out in your island home?

While this scenario isn't likely, unless your home is subject to very unique flooding situations, it can serve as a helpful planning scenario. Different disasters can create these conditions. Earthquakes can damage roads, pipelines, and supply lines. Floods can contaminate drinking water. Storms can cut power, telephone, cable, and so on. This island scenario is just a shorthand way to plan for several of these conditions at once.

But if you are only prepared for the island scenario, you'll still have gaps in your preparedness, which is why you need to think about the reverse scenario:

Scenario 2: The Hole

Imagine that in five minutes your home will become a hole . . . or maybe a smoking hole if you want to add drama.

That means you've got to evacuate quickly with your family, pets, and all the essentials. What things would you want to escape with so that you could ensure your health and safety and so that you could recover and get your life back together. Where would you go? Where would you meet up with other family members if you were separated?

Here again, this isn't a likely scenario, unless you have mortal enemies with access to bombs. But there are a number of situations that could create a similar situation. Homes struck by tornadoes, fires, storm surges, or tsunamis may just leave a foundation. In chemical spills or other emergencies you may be restricted from coming back to your home.

--The island and the hole approach gives you a simplified way to think about what you need to be prepared for both situations. You need to have a plan for if you are stuck at home AND if you can't go home. The island and the hole pulls it all together and can help you decide on what's really important.

So take some time now to use your imagination in a deep and meaningful way to improve your preparedness. Think hard about how you would react to these two scenarios and then take action to get prepared.



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Changes in Recycling

Starting Monday, [April 13](#), Clark County Environmental Services Solid Waste Environmental Education along with a regional partnership of cities and the town within the county will launch a pilot phase of a five-year initiative aimed at understanding and improving the quality of recyclable materials collected curbside from the more than 111,000 single-family recycling customers throughout the county.

This year we have identified 25 single-family recycling routes to target as a pilot project. We will send out teams of two people (wearing safety vests and driving Clark County vehicles with clear identification) to inspect curbside recycling materials. They will also be tagging carts with a summary of what they found and information on common recycling mistakes made throughout the county.

Prior to the tagging, Waste Connections will be sending out phone messaging to residents within each route that has been selected for inspection and tagging. We understand that some residents may miss this message and call their local police station, cities or neighborhood leaders as a result. We would appreciate your help in providing information on this project to alleviate their concern. Again, all of our workers will be wearing safety vests and in most cases using a clearly marked, Clark County vehicle. They should also have information packets explaining what they are doing. Anyone who does not fit that description is not part of this project.

We have notified cities and will be notifying law enforcement as well. Please direct any further questions to Karen Underhill, 360-397-2121 x5121, Karen.Underhill@clark.wa.gov.

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